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SUBJECT SHOE LEATHER SHIPMENTS TO CHILE

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1. EMBOFF HAS CHECKED WITH OFFICIALS OF THE FOUR COMPANIES MENTIONED REFTEL PARA 2 ABOUT CRADDOCK-TERRY'S PROBLEM. ALL OFFICIALS CONTACTED STATED THAT CURTIEMBRE TALCA, NOT CRADDOCK-TERRY, HAD PURCHASED THE LEATHER AND THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEATHER'S FINAL DESTINATION.

2. IN TWO CASES (THAT OF ANTONIO GIBAUT WHICH RECEIVED AN ORDER TOTALING 250,000 SQUARE FEET AND MANUFACTURA DEL CUREO WHICH RECEIVED AN ORDER TOTALIN 80,000 FEET), CURTIEMBRE TALCA HAS NOT OPENED LETTERS OF CREDIT NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION. IN THE FORMER CASE, ANTONIO CIBAUT HAS BEEN WAITING SINCE MAY 11 WHEN CURTIEMBRE TALCA ANNOUNCED IT WOULD ISSUE A LETTER OF CREDIT. DESPITE REPEATED QUERIES ABOUT WHEN THE LETTER OF CREDIT WOULD BE OPENED, IT HAS NOT ARRIVED. IN THE CASE OF MANUFACTURA DEL CUERO, THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A LETTER OF CREDIT SINCE JANUARY.

3. IN THE OTHER TWO CASES (CUEROS ARGENTINOS AND
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CURTIEMBRA HISPANO ARGENTINA WHOSE ORDER TOTALED 75,000 SQUARE FEET), THEIR SHIPMENTS TO CURTIEMBRE TALCA HAVE BEEN BLOCKED BY THE REFUSAL OF THE GOA DEFENSE MINISTRY TO GRANT THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION CURRENTLY REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENTS TO CHILE. EMBOFF LEARNED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT CUEROS ARGENTINOS WHILL SHIP THE LEATHER TO CHILE VIA THE U.S.

4. COMMENT: AS CURTIEMBRE HISPANO IS ONLY COMPANY
WITH LICENSING PROBLEM (THE OTHER TWO CASES ARE LETTER
OF CREDIT PROBLEMS), EMBASSY WILL INVESTIGATE SITUATION
FURTHER.
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